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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director, NPIC

SUBJECT: Role of NPIC in Immediate Exploitation in the Field

REFERENCES:


- a. PAG Memorandum PAG-721-64 dated 4 June 1964
- b. PAG Memorandum PAG-918-64 dated 15 December 1964
- c. SAO/D.A Memorandum BYE 5490/64 dated 22 Dec 1964
- d. Ex.Dir./NPIC Memorandum BYE 36581/64 dated 24 Dec 1964
- e. PAG Memorandum PAG-934-65 dated 8 January 1965
- f. Ohlmeyer Memorandum BYE 36045-65 dated 13 Jan 1965

1. The latest draft (reference f) presented by the Ohlmeyer Task Force on the above subject offers a no more acceptable solution than the initial proposal contained in reference c. The primary responsibilities of the NPIC to provide photographic interpretation services in support of the National Intelligence effort continues to be ignored. The locale where such support is provided is not and should not be a factor. If it is accepted that the (S) National Reconnaissance Office is responsible for providing operational and processing guidance on photographic reconnaissance missions over denied areas in response to USIB requirements (reference f) and further that (S) NRO is supporting the (TS) National Reconnaissance Program it is difficult to imagine why by the same reasoning NPIC is not responsible for the exploitation.

The interjection of theatre commander requirements and theatre commander immediate PI report considerations do not seem valid.

The PAG opinion has previously been stated in references a, b, and e, and the latest proposal (reference f) only substantiates that opinion.

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